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Pursuant to Rules 11.1 and 1.4(a)(4) of the California Public Utilities Commission’s (“Commission”) Rules of Practice and Procedure, the City of Lancaster, a California municipal corporation and charter city, operating its Community Choice Aggregation (“CCA”) program by and through an enterprise division of the city (“Lancaster Choice Energy” or “LCE”), respectfully moves for party status in this proceeding.

**I. DESCRIPTION OF LANCASTER**

Lancaster is a thriving community of 158,630 residents located approximately one-hour north of Los Angeles. Attainable housing and recent economic growth have made Lancaster a very attractive choice for families and businesses that are looking to relocate, but wish to enjoy all the advantages that Southern California has to offer. Lancaster's business-friendly atmosphere has contributed to dramatic economic growth in recent years. New businesses often choose to relocate or open another location in Lancaster, which translates to increases in local job opportunities.

Lancaster continues to aggressively pursue alternative energy solutions in hopes of bettering the current and future environmental and economic conditions of its community, region, country, and the world. In that context, the Lancaster City Council approved a CCA Implementation Plan for Lancaster Choice Energy, which was filed at the Commission and later certified by the Commission’s Energy Division on October 16, 2014. Lancaster’s CCA program, LCE, was launched on May 1, 2015, to a first

phase of customers (principally municipal accounts and a representative sample of other customer classes). The second and final phase was launched on October 1, 2015, for all other customers.

## II. LANCASTER’S INTEREST IN THIS PROCEEDING

On July 8, 2016, the assigned Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) in this proceeding issued the “*Administrative Law Judge’s Ruling Seeking Proposals and Comments on Implementation of Assembly Bill 693*” (“Ruling”). The Ruling seeks proposals on how to implement the Multifamily Affordable Solar Housing Roofs Program (“Program”), pursuant to Assembly Bill (“AB”) 693.<sup>1</sup> The Ruling also provides an opportunity for comment on twenty-six questions set forth in the Ruling.<sup>2</sup>

The questions within the Ruling contain issues that are pertinent to the Lancaster community. For example, question four addresses the eligibility of qualified tenants who are also customers of CCAs.<sup>3</sup> Lancaster seeks party status to participate in this discussion because its CCA customers will be directly impacted by AB 693’s implementation.

Lancaster also has a significant interest in this phase of the proceeding as it pertains to the development of the Program. Lancaster is committed to becoming the first “zero-net energy” city in the nation by producing or procuring more energy via renewable sources than is consumed within city limits. To meet this goal, Lancaster has implemented programs to promote the use of solar photovoltaic systems on single-family homes, participates in the state’s Single-Family Affordable Housing program, promotes zero-net energy housing, and has established high renewable power targets. Lancaster is well underway to meeting its first target of 215 Megawatts (“MW”) of renewable power capacity,<sup>4</sup> with an ultimate goal of attaining over 500 MW of renewable power to service the Lancaster community. Thus,

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<sup>1</sup> Ruling at 1-3.

<sup>2</sup> Ruling at 4-16.

<sup>3</sup> Ruling at 5-6 (Question 4).

<sup>4</sup> Presently, Lancaster has approximately 170 MW of renewable power capacity.

Lancaster would like to ensure that the interests of its CCA customers and community are represented in the process of developing the Program and implementing AB 693.

### **III. PARTY STATUS**

Lancaster's participation in this proceeding will not prejudice any party, and will not delay the schedule or broaden the scope of the issues in the proceeding. For the reasons stated above, Lancaster seeks party status in this proceeding.

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Lancaster requests that the assigned ALJ issue a ruling authorizing Lancaster to intervene in this proceeding and designating Lancaster as an interested party using the name and address set forth above for correspondence and communication).

### **IV. CONCLUSION**

For the reasons state above, Lancaster respectfully requests that the Commission grant Lancaster's motion for party status in this proceeding.

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Respectfully submitted,



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